

IOWA REPUBLICANS

Nominations Made and a Platform Adopted.

PROHIBITION STRONGLY ENDORSE

A Movement for Local Option Killed—The Democratic Party Denounced as the Friend of the Saloon—Free Coinage.

CECILIA, IOWA, July 1.—One of the most enthusiastic Republican conventions ever assembled in Iowa convened in this city to-day. The convention was distinguished for its harmony and good feeling as have been these conventions in recent years of discord and dissensions. Among the audience were many persons of state and national reputation. Senator Allison, Congressman Henderson, Perkins, Flick, Dulliver and Hall, ex-Governor Gear, ex-Governor Larabee and Solicitor of the Treasury Hepburn occupied seats on the platform, and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, representative of the Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance union, at the head of a delegation of enthusiastic Iowa Republicans, who occupied a private box.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Chairman Mack

of the state central committee, called the convention to order, and the divine blessing was invoked by Rev. John Ward, of Cedar Rapids. Chairman Mack's speech was short and crisp. It consisted in announcing John Y. Stone as temporary chairman and W. R. Cochrane of Taylor

county as temporary secretary of the convention. In assuming the chair Stone made a rousing speech which was interrupted many times by applause. Having thanked the convention for the distinction of being called on to preside over it, he said:

"A most important crisis is upon us. The political power of the state is at stake.

had endangered the Democratic party of Iowa. In battle and in ambush, masked behind the pretense of seeking a solution

on local questions, it is aiming by a brilliant stroke to turn Iowa over to the national democracy. Give it the control of the executive and legislative branches of the state government and it will so group the counties into congressional districts as to give it the greatest possible opportunity to capture the delegations in the congressional elections of 1902. It is so organizing the representative districts next spring as to give it the greatest chance of winning the general assembly in 1903, and consequently the election of a United States

if successful it will imitate the stroke of the Michigan democracy and provide for the election of presidential electors in its gerrymandered districts, and thus give to the Democratic presidential candidate a portion of the Iowa vote in the electoral college in 1892. Are the Re-

The speaker said the prohibition question would still be a local issue, and that the Republican party of Iowa would still fight for it. It is in regard to the People's party Stone said:

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from a third to a half of a century to pay. "But this," he stated, "would not be the worst result should the government become the owner and oper-

quire an army of 2,000,000 federal office holders and employees to carry on their operation. With such an army of officers and men under orders from one head, all

the chief officer the government would possess a power greater than that of the most potent monarch of the world. The

The speaker referred to the prosperous

present time and then turning to the financial policy of the party he said: "The Republican party places no limit upon its circulating medium except its value as a pur-

that can be employed in the business exchanges of our people. The Republican party, nevertheless, demands that each dollar of gold, silver or paper shall be

much, as any other dollar. Recognizing the rapidly expanding business of the country and the needs and demands of new and improving conditions, the Republican party

of silver equal to all that will be taken from the mines of our country."

There is no present record in the first two and a half years that will rival it. [Great applause.] But one other can here be

friend of the chief—the fearless and incomparable Blaine." At the mention of the secretary's name the convention went wild with enthusiasm. "The first citizen of

The speaker commended the record of the party on pension expenditures, and extended sympathy to the disfranchised Republicans of the south.

leaders insist that the tariff is not an issue in Iowa this year. They were never more mistaken. It never was an issue as much as now. Never before was an issue more

it is now. It will continue to be an issue until free trade is dead and the country is placed beyond the dread of its resurrection or until protection is buried and free trade

The speaker wound up with reciprocity. He said there is but one reciprocity and James C. Blaine is its prophet. "There is but one reciprocity and that is the reciprocity of the gospel."

the gospel the Democratic party under the spur of the moment thought it saw free trade standing in a more dazzling light than

broken reciprocity was in the Republican camp and James G. Blaine is its chief priest." [Here the convention again became wildly enthusiastic.]

eratic party for its policy of "deception and falsehood," and ended with the commendation of the McKinley bill. After the appointment of committees a recess was taken.

on permanent organization was at once held at which ex-governor and ex-Congressman John Gear, of Burlington, was selected as permanent chairman of the convention.

immediately after the adjournment of the convention and adopted a platform. The platform as finally adopted for presenta-

terms and particularly commends the reciprocity provision and its interpretation and observation by Secretary Blaine and

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